

[From the Bloomington (Ind.) Telephone, April 23rd, 1886.]

Death of Dr. Elisha Ballantine.

This community was shocked Tuesday evening by the report that spread through the city, that Dr. Ballantine had died suddenly at his home on east 6th street. Unfortunately it was only a few minutes until the sad information was verified by those who had heard directly from the home of the venerable professor. In less than half an hour the sudden occurrence was the talk on every street corner. It was known that the death was from some very sudden cause, as the Professor was on the streets in the morning, coming down for the mail; and it was also learned that he had led the devotional exercises at the University chapel at the usual hour, apparently as well as common. No sooner was the death announced than the many friends began to gather at the residence to aid as best they could and console those who had been so suddenly bereaved.

The particulars of his last hours are interesting and illustrate how, to the last, the good, good life was so useful. He had been complaining for several days but was able to be about, having, as stated, been down town in the morning. He ate his dinner as usual and in the afternoon went out to the rear of the house to make garden. After he had worked a while he came into the house and sat down in a chair in the dining room. His daughter, Miss Anna, with the servant, was up stairs, arranging the Professor's room, when his voice called Miss Anna down, telling her that he felt very bad about the heart. She at once prepared a mixture for him, and taking it he said, "I think I will feel better now," and while yet using the spoon, she noticed his head fall. She sent at once for a neighbor, but by the time the room was reached, he grasped a few times and the soul of the venerable Dr. Ballantine, known and respected above all others, had taken its flight.

The announcement of Prof. Ballantine's death caused profound sorrow out at the University. For years up to 1878 he had been a member of the faculty, and as late as 1884 he taught some classes in the institution. Each of the classes called a meeting and selected a pallbearer. The faculty after appointing a committee on resolutions selected four pallbearers to represent them—Prof. Brown Wylie, Horace Hoffman, W. W. Spangler and Wm. J. Bryan. Out of respect the University was adjourned until after the funeral, and it was resolved to attend the funeral in a body.

In order that the two sons and daughters of Prof. Ballantine might be present, the final obsequies were necessarily postponed until this morning at 9 o'clock. One of the sons, Prof. Wm. Ballantine, lives at Oberlin, Ohio, and the daughter, Mrs. Mary Brown, wife of Rev. H. L. Brown, Omro, Wis.; and Miss Anna Ballantine, so well and favorably known in Bloomington for her zeal in every good cause.

highly religious character. As a pastor he was faithful; as a preacher plain, practical and often eloquent. He was careful and prudent in his dealings with the wayward; affectionate and kind in encouraging and directing the sincere enquirer, and always ready to cheer and strengthen the weak and disheartened disciples of the Savior.

Professor Ballantine was liberal in his views, though strongly attached to his own branch of the Christian church, the Presbyterian, and in his appreciation of the sincere believer in the Savior, he was not influenced by denominational distinctions. In times of affliction and in prospect of death, his counsel, his prayers and his services, have been sought and were freely given to families and individuals of nearly every denomination, and were sought even by those who had neglected all religious duties when they believed that the fatal day was at hand. Prof. Ballantine had the respect of the whole community, Protestant and Roman Catholic, and, we may say, even of the immortal, excepting such, should there be any of this class, as regard Christianity and true Christians as hypocrites.

As a literary man and a scholar Prof. Ballantine stood in the first rank. He was excellent and thorough in his scholarship, and in addition to his knowledge of the Latin and Greek language, of which for a long time he was an excellent Hebrew scholar, with considerable knowledge of other Semitic languages. Of modern languages, in addition to his own, he had perfect command of the German and French. The Professor was not a voluminous writer. He contributed while connected with the Theological Seminary, able articles to various periodicals. Some years ago, when so many biographies of Jesus were published, he contributed a volume, in which, culling out of the New Testament all the words of our Lord, and connecting them by suitable comments he made the Savior speak for himself.

Before Prof. Ballantine was connected with the University of Indiana—his services commenced here in 1854—he was connected with the Ohio University under the Presidency of Rev. Dr. McGuffey, and was there associated with Dr. Read and Dr. Ryers, who had previously accepted professorships in the University of Indiana. From Dr. Read the writer of this sketch had often heard of Prof. Ballantine, of his thorough scholarship, of his diligence and faithfulness as a Professor, and of his piety, his care for the sick and afflicted, and his kind ministrations to the dying and the families of the bereaved, and a personal acquaintance found that nothing in the description of the noble character given by Dr. Read had been in the least degree exaggerated.

Prof. Ballantine married Miss B. A. Watkins, of Prince Edward Co., Va. Mrs. Ballantine died April 4th, 1873, leaving, at present surviving, two sons and two daughters, the Rev. Henry W. Ballantine, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Bloomfield, N. J., and the Rev. Wm. G. Ballantine, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio, and the daughters, Mrs. Mary Brown, wife of Rev. H. L. Brown, Omro, Wis.; and Miss Anna Ballantine, so well and favorably known in Bloomington for her zeal in every good cause.

LITERARY NOTES.

Ex-President Hayes' first magazine article will be printed in "The Brooklyn Magazine" for May, and will treat of "National Aid to Popular Education," a subject to which Mr. Hayes has given considerable study and examination.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher's Boston eulogy on Gen. Grant will shortly be reprinted in "The Brooklyn Magazine" directly from the original manuscript and under Mr. Beecher's personal supervision.

The first two chapters of William Henry Bishop's new serial, "The Golden Justice," appear in The Atlantic for May. The scene of the story is laid in a western city, and the novel opens in so original a manner as to pique the curiosity of the reader. Charles Egbert Coddock's installment of "In the Clouds" is in her best manner, and is one of the strongest and most thrilling pieces of work which have yet come from this remarkable writer. Henry James continues his "Princess Casamassina" in characteristic style, transporting his hero to Paris, of which he gives some interesting incidental descriptions. The fiction of the number is completed by a tender little sketch of New England life, "Marsh Rosemary," by Sarah Orne Jewett. Mr. John Fiske continues his papers on American History by one treating of "The Weakness of the American Government under the Articles of Confederation." Mr. E. P. Evans has an instructive paper on "The Argan Homestead." Mr. W. J. Stillman contributes "Memories of London," in which there is much pleasant reminiscence of English art and artists of thirty years ago. Mr. Maurice Thompson has an article on "Bird Song," and there are five excellent poems, one of which is by W. W. Story. Criticisms of the new "Life of Longfellow," and of some recent books of travel and other volumes, with the Contributors' Club and Books of the Month, complete a number altogether admirable. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., etc.

OBITUARY.

Prof. Ballantine was born Oct. 11, 1809, in Schodack-on-the-Hudson. He graduated at Athens, Ohio, studied theology in Union Seminary, Va. He afterwards spent a year and a half in Halle, Germany, studying the language and theology in the famous school of that place, thus preparing himself for the Professorship he held in the Theological Seminary in which he had lately been a student. He afterwards became pastor of the Presbyterian church of Prince Edward Court House, Va., from which place he was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church, now Dr. Sunderland's at Washington, D. C. He gave up this charge on account of threatening paralysis. For some years he has been Professor of Languages in Ohio University, Athens. In 1854 he came to Bloomington, having been Professor of Mathematics in Indiana University. He occupied the chair for two years, when he was transferred to that of Languages, Dr. Kirkwood having accepted the chair of Mathematics. From 1863 to 1867 he was Secretary of the American Board of Foreign Missions, and in 1864 returned to the University as Professor of Greek, since which time he has, as Professor and Professor emeritus, continued his connection with the University.

As to moral character, Prof. Ballantine was as near faultless as it was possible for fallen human nature to be. He had in early life taken the Savior as his great exemplar. He was a sincere man, there was no dissembling about him. He was benevolent, wishing well to all, and to every good cause, and not only that, but beneficial, and according to his ability and opportunity doing good to all. He was honest and honorable in all his dealings with others, amiable in his disposition and beloved by all who knew him. His moral character culminated in his

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Beginning at the southeast corner of the tract of Beech Hill (now John Archdeacon) on the street leading from the turnpike to the Baptist Church; thence (1) south sixty-six degrees and forty minutes, east along said street fifty-five feet; thence (2) north twenty-one degrees and thirty-five minutes, east one hundred and eleven feet, and a half to the line of Mrs. Charles Wharry's; thence (3) along the said Mrs. Charles Wharry's line, second, west, one hundred and thirty-five minutes, west thirty inches; thence (4) north twenty-one degrees and thirty-five minutes, east twenty-five feet; thence (5) north sixty-six degrees and fifty-three feet; thence (6) along Beech Hill's line south twenty-one degrees and thirty-five minutes, west one hundred and thirty-five feet to the place of beginning. Containing six acres and one-half, to be the same more or less. Being the same premises, conveyed to the said Peter Henn by Hulford W. Castleton and wife by deed dated April 1, 1856, and recorded in the clerk's office of the county of Essex, in Book Q 19 of Deeds for said county, page 549, &c. Newark, N. J., March 16, 1886.

**WILLIAM H. BROWN, Sheriff,
GUILD & LUM, Solrs.**

APRIL 3, 1886.

ESTATE OF ISRAEL C. WARD. Deceased.

Pursuant to the order of Joseph L. Munn, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned, one of the Executors of said deceased, notice is hereby given to the creditors of said deceased to exhibit to the subscribers under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased within nine months from this date, or they will be forever barred from prosecuting or recovering the same against the subscribers.

R. HALSTED WARD,
EDWARD G. WARD,
THEODORE H. WARD,
ANNA L. WARD.

MARCH 4, 1886.

ESTATE OF JOHN GREACEN, Jr. Deceased.

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STANLEY GREACEN.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Metropolis & Co. Company, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Office of the Company, Bloomfield, F. J., Tuesday, May 11th, 1886.

Polls open from 3 to 4 P. M. Transfer books will be closed from May 1st, until after election.

EUGENE VANDERPOOL, Secy.

Dated, Bloomfield, N. J., April 13th, 1886.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

(Corrected to date.)

Del. Lack. & Western Railroad.

LEAVE BLOOMFIELD FOR NEW YORK : Greenwood Avenue Station.)

6.08, 7.19, 7.56, 8.32, 9.19, 10.39, 11.39

A. M. 12.46, 1.45, 3.35, 4.44, 5.29,

6.15, 6.59, 8.20, 9.45, 11.10, 12.39 A. M.

Note—Leave GLEN RIDGE 2 minutes earlier, WATERSIDE 2 minutes later than time given above.

LEAVE NEW YORK FOR BLOOMFIELD : (Barclay St. Ferry.)

6.30, 7.20, 8.10, 9.30, 10.30, 11.20 A. M.

12.40, 2.10, 3.40, *4.20, 4.50, 5.30,

6.20, 7.00, 8.30, 10.00, 11.30 P. M.

*Does not stop at Newark.

Leave Christopher St. 5 minutes later.

LEAVE NEWARK FOR BLOOMFIELD :

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